Humanities
Associate in Arts & Sciences – Direct Transfer (DTA)

GENERAL INFORMATION

- The Humanities ask questions about meaning, value, and significance.
- The Humanities include all disciplines that employ interpretive, non-quantitative methodologies to probe and express the human condition.
- Some subjects, such as art, history, music, religious studies, philosophy, and literature, lie almost entirely within the Humanities domain, while others, such as education and the social and behavioral sciences, have significant Humanities components.
- The Humanities embrace one another across boundaries, stressing the importance of interdisciplinary study and collaboration, striving to connect disparate fields and to integrate knowledge around the experience of being human.
- The Humanities are also a primary vehicle of cultural memory. They preserve, transmit, and critique the experiences of humanity.
- The Humanities prize the clear transmission of ideas in oral and written discourse, translating specialized “jargon” and employing accessible language in all forms of interpersonal communications, including writing, conversation, and dialogue.

The EvCC Humanities program aims to enhance the interdisciplinary integration of learning, thereby promoting engaged, critical, and creative thinking that prepares you for a future that demands breadth as well as depth of preparation. Cathy N. Davidson and David Theo Goldberg argue, “Engaged Humanities make a contribution to the quality of human life, civic engagement, and public value that is so essential that they deserve maximum support from our universities and our societies. Humanistic research can produce knowledge as beneficial and urgently needed as anything that comes out of a science lab.” Furthermore, interdisciplinary study in the Humanities provides you with an arena for the integration of learning during the time when you are meeting your general education requirements, focusing the smorgasbord of general education courses into a more coherent and integrated foundation for your later academic endeavors.

You can enjoy the benefits of smaller classes (and lower tuition) by beginning your college study at a community college and then transferring to a university for a Bachelor’s degree in a number of fields in the arts and sciences. The breadth you will attain with a Humanities transfer degree complements the depth you may develop in a particular major and can make you an attractive candidate to graduate schools in business, education, law, and medicine as these programs seek students whose expertise is matched with an integrative education in Humanities. Alternatively, you may consider pursuing a Bachelor’s or even Master’s degree in Humanities or a related field.

At EvCC, students interested in Humanities are encouraged to pursue the Associate in Arts and Sciences – DTA. This degree meets statewide guidelines for smooth transfer to most of Washington’s colleges and universities, and several in Oregon. With this degree, you will have completed most or all of the lower division, general education requirements typically required within a Bachelor’s degree. A checklist for this degree is provided in this guide.

THE HUMANITIES CENTER

The Humanities Center orchestrates a multi-layered focus on Humanities, fitting our students’ skill levels, involving coordinated efforts by a variety of faculty, and suiting the unique characteristics of the larger Everett community. The Center’s mission is to foster the Humanities at EvCC in a variety of ways, such as sponsoring an annual student Humanities conference on campus, coordinating service-learning opportunities with Humanities and arts organizations, encouraging faculty collaboration on planning new courses for the Humanities program, facilitating campus- and community-wide discussions of relevant themes from a Humanities perspective, and assisting faculty to voluntarily incorporate these selected themes into their courses.

CAREER OPTIONS

Careers in almost any field, such as law, medicine, business, research, education, and public service can benefit from studies in the Humanities. Many students take a Humanities Bachelor’s degree directly into the job market, or combine a Humanities minor with another field or advanced degree, giving them the advantage of training in creative problem-solving (“thinking outside the box”) as well as the ability to synthesize and communicate clearly across the boundaries of different academic disciplines. Recent research demonstrates that employers value the trainability of Humanities graduates, whose transferable skills in areas such as thinking critically, solving problems, communicating effectively, and identifying values involved in decision-making distinguish them from the mere specialist.

Check with Counseling, Advising & Career Center, Third Floor, Parks, for additional information on career options and educational requirements.

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Western Washington University, Bachelor’s in Humanities (Department of Liberal Studies)  
https://chss.wwu.edu/liberal-studies

Washington State University, College of Liberal Arts, Bachelor’s in Humanities  
http://admission.wsu.edu/academics/los/Public/field.castle?id=1626

Eastern Washington University, Bachelor’s in Humanities  
www.ewu.edu/cale/programs/humanities

Seattle University, Bachelor’s in Humanities  
http://www.seattleu.edu/matteo-ricci/

University of Puget Sound, Bachelor’s in Humanities  
www.pugetsound.edu/college/humanities

University of Washington, Bothell, Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies  
www.uwb.edu/ias/

University of Washington, Bachelor’s in the Comparative History of Ideas  
www.washington.edu/students/gencat/academic/chid.html

The Evergreen State College, Interdisciplinary degrees and programs  
www.evergreen.edu

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RECOMMENDED COURSES

The Associate in Arts and Sciences – Direct Transfer Agreement (“DTA”) is the recommended pathway toward further study at a university. The following are recommendations that will assist you in selecting courses. Please refer to the Guide titled “Associate in Arts and Sciences – DTA” for a complete list of courses in the Humanities.

♦ Students new to college study are strongly encouraged to enroll in a “Learning Community” which provides an integrated, multi-disciplinary learning experience in a variety of subjects. Learning Communities also focus on topics of interest to more advanced students. For more information, go to www.everettcc.edu/lc.

♦ Complete three courses from one or more of these historical sequences: American Literature (ENGL& 240 and 246), American History (HIST& 146, 147, 148), Art History (ART 220, 221, 222, 224), European Literature (ENGL 251, 252, 253), and History of Western Civilization (HIST 111, 112).

♦ Complete at least one course in Humanities performance skills (art, music, theater, creative writing, photography, & journalism, as listed in the “Humanities restricted list - performance skills” section of the AAS-DTA guide) OR Humanities service learning (HUM 182) for a minimum of 2 credits.

♦ Additional Humanities credits should be taken from any courses listed in the AAS - DTA Humanities distribution area and should include at least one course in non-Western Humanities.

GETTING STARTED AT EVCC

Our Enrollment Services Office provides information about application, orientation and registration for new and continuing students. All new students must complete entry advising through the Advising Center prior to first quarter registration. Contact:

♦ Enrollment Services, Parks 201, 425-388-9219  
admissions@everettcc.edu

♦ Advising Center, Rainier 108, 425-388-9339

PROGRAM ADVISORS

For advising concerning EvCC’s Humanities program, contact:

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Jason Ripper, Gray Wolf Hall 333, 425-388-9171, jripper@everettcc.edu

Or call the Division Office at 425-388-9387.
This checklist is targeted at transfer students with an interest in pursuing the Humanities at a four-year institution. The student should maintain this checklist each quarter while at EvCC. The quarter before expected completion the student submits this checklist, a grade transcript and a diploma application to his/her faculty advisor for approval; it is then sent to Enrollment Services for graduation review. This checklist refers to requirements listed in the curriculum guide titled “Associate in Arts and Sciences – DTA”, which lists all the courses which are approved for the various categories of requirements. Note: Though courses in a foreign language are not required in the DTA degree, some universities may require two or three quarters of foreign language for admission or for graduation. Courses listed with an ampersand in the course number (e.g. ENGL&101) reflect the Common Course Numbering System. For more information, go to www.everettcc.edu/ccn

Student Name: ____________________________ Date: ____________

☐ COMPLETION of College Success Course

Where completed/Course Title Year Completed Grade

☐ COMPLETION of Diversity Course
(Recommend DRMA 107D)

Where completed/Course Title Year Completed Grade

Course Number Course Title Credits Quarter Completed Grade

BASIC COMMUNICATION SKILLS - 10 credits selected from the list of approved courses in Communications on the AAS-DTA list; at least 5 of those credits must be in composition courses.
ENGL& 101 English Composition I 5

BASIC QUANTITATIVE SKILLS - 5 credits, selected from the list of approved courses in Quantitative Skills on the AAS-DTA list.
MATH& 107 (Recommended) Math in Society 5

HUMANITIES - 15 credits. Select from: ART 220, 221, 222, 224, ENGL &240, &246, 251, 252, 253, HIST 111, 112, &146, &147, &148. See Note 1.
HUM& 101 Intro to Humanities 5

SOCIAL SCIENCE - 15 credits from the DTA approved Social Science List. Select one from: HIST 111, 112, &146, &147, &148 if not taken above. See Note 1.

NATURAL SCIENCE - 15 credits from the DTA approved Natural Science List, including at least one Lab course. See Note 1.

SUGGESTED ELECTIVES – A maximum of 30 credits may be completed in electives, selected from the A and B lists on the DTA checklist; a maximum of 15 credits from the B list may be used. Complete at least one course in Humanities performance skills (art, music, theater, creative writing, photography, & journalism, as listed in the “Humanities restricted list - performance skills” section of the AAS-DTA guide) OR the Humanities Service Learning (HUM 182) course for a minimum of 2 credits. Select also from: ART 220, 221, 222, 224, ENGL &240, &246, 251, 252, 253, and HIST 111, 112, &146, &147, &148, if not taken above. See Recommended Courses on previous page.

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Total: minimum 90 credits required, minimum 2.0 GPA

Note 1: Courses must be from three different disciplines. No more than 10 credits in any one discipline may be used in Humanities, Social Science, and Natural Science.